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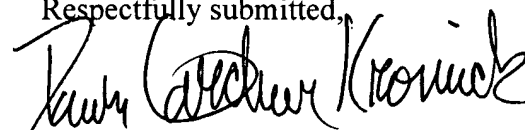
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1. a Reply to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2004;
2. copies of pages 6 and 16 of the specification as filed, along with a courtesy copy of the postcard submitted with the specification and date-stamped by the USPTO on February 12, 2001; and
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